

Black River Falls  
April 19, 2010

MINUTES OF MEETING # 19 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ON APRIL 19, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM.

Board Members Present: Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Laurel Meek,  
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members Absent: Don Mathews

The regular meeting was called to order by President Ramie Bakken at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Student Senate Report was presented by Bronson Stein, President of the Student Senate.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The consent agenda included the March regular meeting minutes, monthly expenditures, resignation of Amy Yaeger, Business Education teacher, Sherri Torkelson, principal at Forrest Street Early Learning Center, Teresa Bulin-Messelt, Gifted/Talented teacher and the retirement of Barb Prochaska, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education, and the application for a Wal Mart grant in the amount of \$3,250 to be used to purchase a smart board and supporting equipment for one of the kindergarten classrooms. The Board also authorized the administrative staff to apply for other grants such as Lunda Charitable Trust and Black River Area Foundation as these grants have a due date before the next scheduled board meeting.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk, read the policy "Board Member Code of Ethics" and administered the Oath of Office to Susan Olstad and Lois Corey.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the revision of Policy 342.5, Programs for Disadvantaged Students (Title 1), as presented. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the revision of Policy 345.5, Graduation Requirements, to include a Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement as presented. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to advise Tom Leadholm, Athletic Director, to support the board of control positions on the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws of the WIAA Annual Meeting Resolutions. Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Ron Wirtz moved to approve the fall 2010-11 Youth Options Applications as presented. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Ron Saari reported that Wisconsin did not receive the Race to the Top awards and the CESA 4 RtT presentation that was scheduled for Thursday, April 22 is cancelled. On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be holding its Heritage Fair at Gebhardt, Saturday is the High School Prom and there will be a mock crash held on Thursday. Earth Day is scheduled for Thursday and the BRAGS students will be working with the Bureau of Land Management along with the Friends of Black River on various islands in the Black River. Forrest Street recently had its Fine Arts and Literacy Day, the Middle School is having a band concert on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. preceded by the Tech. Ed. And Fine Arts display beginning at 6:00 p.m. Third Street is having its Fine Arts night in the gym on the 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 -5:30 and there will be art and musical performances. Special recognition was given to Zack Benz, high school student, who recently won the State Art Competition Award. He took 1<sup>st</sup> place on his sculpture of an animation character.

Michael St. Pierre, Director of Curriculum, presented the RtI (Response to Intervention) report.

Ron Saari presented an overview of the open enrollment in the district. He would like to put a committee together of interested parents, teachers, administrators and board members, to discuss how we can reduce the amount of open enrollment out students. Mary Jo Rozmenoski stated she would represent the School Board on the committee.

Dawn Nordeen, CESA # 9, presented a virtual school presentation. She will also be giving this presentation to the administrative staff, teachers and the public.

Ramie Bakken moved to allow the addition of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade tennis program as long as the program is self-funded and there will be no costs incurred by the District. Laurel Meek seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion was held on the board self-assessment document and the community survey of Board performance. The Board members will review the documents and have further discussion and consideration of these documents next month.

Discussion was held on the graduation date for the 2010-2011 school year. The 2010-2011 school year ends on June 9, 2011. The possible date for graduation is Sunday, June 5, 2011. A decision on the date will be made at the Board Meeting next month.

The annual review of the Native American Parent Involvement Policy was held. There were no changes to the policy recommended at this time.

WASB – The WASB Spring Academy will be held on May 8, 2010. Susan Olstad, Lois Corey and Mary Jo Rozmenoski plan to attend.

Lois Corey and Ramie Bakken attended the National School Board Association Conference in Chicago. They both reported on the various workshops they attended.

Future Agenda Item Identification –

Board Assessment/Community Survey  
Superintendent Evaluation

Ron Wirtz moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c) to consider, deliberate and take action, as appropriate, regarding employment or performance data of professional employees in the District, particularly regarding layoff notices to professional employees and termination of a professional employee. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ramie Bakken, Lois Corey, Laurel Meek, Ron Wirtz, Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Nays: None

Motion carried. The board adjourned into closed session at 8:31 p.m.

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Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Clerk

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Barb Prochaska, Recording Secretary